GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PROOFS OF PAK`S COMPLICITY IN TERRORIST ATTACKS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US Government is convinced that Pakistan is sponsoring terrorism in India;

(b) if so, whether sufficient proofs have been provided to the US Government about the Pakistan`s involvement in terrorist activities in India; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the US Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) There is growing recognition by the US that Pakistan has links with organisations involved in cross-border terrorism in India.

(b) Government uses every bilateral and multilateral opportunity to draw the attention of the international community, including that of the United States, to Pakistan`s support and sponsorship of cross-border terrorism in India. Government has also initiated co-operation with the United States in combating terrorism. For this purpose, the two countries have established a Joint Working Group on Counter-terrorism to intensify their co-operation in this area.

(c) President Clinton acknowledged in India that there are elements within the Pakistani Government that have supported those who engaged in violence in Kashmir. The US President had stated that the purpose of his visit to Pakistan was to seek, among other things, a crackdown on terrorist groups and a real effort to create the conditions for dialogue with India. The US has also designated Harkat-ul-Ansar, now styled as Harkat-ul-Mujahideen, as a terrorist organisation under its law.